

Decision No. C11-0817

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 11AL-382E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 642 FILED BY BLACK HILLS/COLORADO ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANY, LP TO AMEND THE ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT (ECA) TARIFFS AND ADD A MECHANISM TO INCLUDE INCENTIVE SHARING, DEFINED AS NET INCOME FROM ENERGY SALES TO BE EFFECTIVE ON MAY 28, 2011.

DOCKET NO. 11AL-387E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 643 FILED BY BLACK HILLS/COLORADO ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANY, LP TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION IN DECISION NO. C10-1119 IN DOCKET NO. 09AL-837E TO FILE A NEW ELECTRIC RATE CASE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30, 2011 AND TO INCREASE THE RATES FOR ALL ELECTRIC SERVICES BY IMPLEMENTING A GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT (GRSA) IN THE COMPANY'S COLORADO PUC NO. 8 ELECTRIC TARIFF TO BE EFFECTIVE MAY 29, 2011.

**ORDER SCHEDULING
PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

Mailed Date: July 29, 2011
Adopted Date: July 27, 2011

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a public comment hearing in these proceedings concerning Advice Letter Nos. 642 and 643 filed by Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility, LP (the Company).

2. Advice Letter No. 642 addresses proposed changes to the Company's Energy Cost Adjustment rate rider concerning the treatment of off-system sales revenues and expenses and a proposed incentive sharing mechanism associated with the net income on such sales.

3. The tariffs for electric service accompanying Advice Letter No. 643 are intended to cause an increase in the Company's revenues of \$40.2 million, or 18.84 percent. This proposed rate increase relates, in part, to the addition to the Company's rate base of a new electric generation facility consisting of two LMS100 natural gas-fired turbines and the associated plant investment at the Pueblo Airport Generation Station.

4. By Decision No. C11-0728, issued July 1, 2011, we found good cause to convene a public comment hearing in Pueblo, Colorado, the principal city in the Company's service area. We stated that the time and location of the public comment hearing would be set forth in a subsequent order.

B. Findings

5. We will hold a public comment hearing on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at the Pueblo County Conference Room located at 1001 North Santa Fe Avenue. The hearing to take public comment will begin at 4 p.m. and will continue until concluded (but in no event later than 7 p.m.).

6. Individuals who wish to make a comment will sign up and will be heard in the order in which they sign up to speak. The length of time allotted to each speaker will depend on the number of persons who wish to speak.

7. The public comment hearing will be transcribed.

8. An individual who is a representative of a party or who is a member of an intervenor will not be permitted to present comments at the public comment hearing. Parties will present their positions and will make their comments through testimony presented at the evidentiary hearing.

9. The Commission will take into consideration the comments made by members of the public even though these comments are not made during the evidentiary hearing. Parties may respond to the comments made during the public comment hearing in pre-filed written testimony in accordance with the procedural schedule established in Decision No. C11-0728.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. A public comment hearing in these consolidated proceedings is scheduled for:

DATE: August 30, 2011

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Pueblo County Conference Room
1001 North Santa Fe Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado

2. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 27, 2011.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

JOSHUA B. EPEL

JAMES K. TARPEY

Commissioners

COMMISSIONER MATT BAKER
ABSENT.